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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0898

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM PFOR MILI PBOR LA TH
SUBJECT: GUNFIRE ON MEKONG ADJACENT TO CENTER OF VIENTIANE

REF: VIENTIANE 0267

1. AT ABOUT 1540 HOURS LOCAL TIME JUNE 3, WE HEARD
TWO BURSTS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE VICINITY
OF THE MEKONG AT AN INTERVAL OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE
MINUTES.

2. EMBOFFS, INVESTIGATING, ENCOUNTERED A LARGE CROWD
OF PEOPLE ON THE RIVER BANK NEAR THE LANE XANG HOTEL,
AT THE CENTER OF TOWN, ONE OF WHOM SAID THAT THAI
FORCES HAD FIRED FROM THE THAI SIDE AT THE LAO SIDE TO
WARD OFF LAO BORDER GUARDS WHO WERE PURSUING TWO LAO
WHO HAD BEGUN TO SWIM TOWARD THAILAND. SHE SAID THAT
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THE LAO HAD NOT RETURNED FIRE. ANOTHER OBSERVER SAID
THAT NO ONE HAD BEEN KILLED OR WOUNDED.

3. BY 1600 HOURS THE SITUATION HAD RETURNED TO NEAR
NORMAL. TWO THAI RIVER PATROL BOATS HAD TAKEN UP
POSITIONS NEAR THE THAI SHORE BUT THERE WERE NO LAO
MILITARY IN EVIDENCE ON THE LAO SIDE EXCEPT FOR ONE

LAO IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING WHO WAS APPARENTLY MONITORING
THE SCENE AND OPERATING A TWO WAY CAR RADIO.

4. COMMENT: THE INCIDENT WILL PROBABLY PROVOKE A LAO
PROTEST THOUGH IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE INCIDENT WILL
RECEIVE THE SAME LEVEL OF LAO PROPAGANDA ATTENTION
AS THE FEBRUARY 9 INCIDENT IN WHICH THAI BORDER POLICE
ALLEGEDLY KILLED ONE LAO BORDER GUARD (REFTEL).
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